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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: E. Alzheimer et al. Attorney Docket No. ALTE117421
Application No.: 09/892,199 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: June 25, 2001 Examiner: M.S. Alvo
Title: TOTAL CHLORINE FREE BLEACHING OF ARUNDO DONAX PULP

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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February 3, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Additional Fee |
|--|---|-------|---|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 15 | Minus | 20 | = | 0 | x | 9 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus | 3 | = | 0 | x | 42 | = | 0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee for this Amendment | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |

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B. Additional Documents

Further transmitted herewith are pages 159, 160, and 170-174 from R.P. Singh, et al, "Oxygen Bleaching," *The Bleaching of Pulp*, 3d ed., TAPPI Press, Atlanta, Georgia, 1979, attached to and made a part of the Amendment After Final Rejection.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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